

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 10, 2025**

The special meeting was called to order by Chair Blake Benson at 10:00 a.m. on December 10, 2025. The meeting was held at the Board office, located at the Curtis Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Ste. 520, Topeka, Kansas. Proper notice was given according to the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Blake Benson, Chair	Alysia Johnston	Neelima Parasker
	Diana Mendoza, Vice Chair	Kathy Wolfe Moore	John Dicus
	Pamela Ammar	Matt Crocker	

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:00 a.m., Vice Chair Mendoza moved that the Board recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The subjects of the executive session were to conduct ESU Presidential Search interviews and discuss candidates, and the purpose was to protect the privacy of the individual Board employees and prospective employees involved. The executive session would last six hours, and would include members of the Board; Board President and CEO Blake Flanders, for a portion; ESU Presidential Search Candidates, for a portion; Director of Finance and Administration Becky Pottebaum, for a portion; ESU Presidential Search Consultant Pelema Ellis, for a portion; and ESU Presidential Search Committee Chair Jim Kessler, for a portion. The open meeting of the Board would resume at 4:00 p.m. Regent Ammar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 4:00 p.m., the Board returned to open session. Regent Mendoza moved to extend the executive session for 20 minutes to 4:20 p.m. Regent Ammar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 4:21 p.m., the Board returned to open session. Regent Mendoza moved to extend the executive session for 20 minutes to 4:41 p.m. Regent Johnston seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 4:41 p.m., the Board returned to open session. Regent Mendoza moved to extend the executive session for 20 minutes to 5:01 p.m. Regent Johnston seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 5:01 p.m., the Board returned to open session. Regent Mendoza moved to extend the executive session for 20 minutes to 5:21 p.m. Regent Parasker seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 5:21 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

**ADJOURN**

Regent Benson adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

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Blake Flanders, President and CEO

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Blake Benson, Chair